

24 March 1972

The Honorable J. W. Fulbright, Chairman
Senate Foreign Relations Committee
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

My dear Mr. Chairman:

Your letter of March 22 reached me today, and I am hastening to reply since it requests certain information "urgently".

Secretary Rogers informed me late on March 22 that Senator Church had received from a "CIA agent" information along the lines described in the first paragraph of your letter. He asked me to look into the matter. I have done so. We can find no information in this Agency to support the assertion. In fact, there has been no reporting of any PRC reaction to the publicity on Ambassador Watson's conduct. Further, we have not been able to identify the alleged "CIA agent" to whom Senator Church refers. If we could be provided with a name, we would be glad to pursue the matter further.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Richard Helms

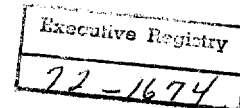
Richard Helms
Director

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Mr. Richard Helms
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Helms:

The Committee on Foreign Relations has received information indicating that publicity resulting from Ambassador Watson's recent conduct has caused concern among Chinese officials as to the seriousness with which the United States is entering into negotiations in Paris with the People's Republic of China.

The Committee would appreciate receiving urgently the information which your agency has on this subject.

Sincerely yours,


J. W. Fulbright
Chairman

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